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Dear David:

Responding to your letter requesting comments concerning the listing of Moses Lake with some areas classified as Category 2 and others as Category 5.

Until the department responds to questions asked in previous correspondence, any comments now would be lacking in consideration of information the department was previously asked to supply.

During previous presentations to the committee from various "experts" of the department, comments were to be based on biological opinion reports, best available science, and balanced science. I would like to see before any categorical decision is made that the committee follow the most recent information which the legislature has now determined to be "CREDIBLE DATA." Any credible data also must include the tens of thousands of pounds of water fowl excrement that has accumulated year-round! on this noted international flyway, including the water sanctuaries that feed into Moses Lake.

Therefore, I request that the comment period be extended and that your department provide credible data upon which credible comments can be provided by the public and the Moses Lake TMDL Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Cordially yours,

BOB MORTON  
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